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20503 ({202} 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0017.

*Frequency:* Monthly; Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

Form No.	Annual frequency	Number of respondents	Average time per response (hours)
LAUS 3040 .....	12	52	1.6
LAUS 8 .....	15	52	1
LAUS 15 .....	0.5	52	2
LAUS 16 .....	2	52	1
LAUS 17 .....	4	52	0.5

*Total Burden Hours:* 131,600.  
*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) manual provides the theoretical basis and essential technical instructions and guidance which States require to prepare State and area labor force estimates, while the reports ensure and/or measure the timeliness, quality, consistency, and adherence to LAUS program directives and research.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Unemployment Insurance Quality Benefits Accuracy Measurement Program (formerly Benefits Quality Control).

*OMB Number:* 1205-0245.

*Frequency:* Weekly.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal govt.

*Number of Respondents:* 52.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 3.17 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 75,319.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$22 million.

*Description:* The Benefits Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program provides reliable estimates of the accuracy of the benefit payments in the UI program and identifies the sources of mispayments so that their causes can be eliminated. This proposes extending BAM program for 3 years while reducing average samples sizes and permitting States more flexibility in how they verify information pertinent to the sampled payments.

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